Allocation for providing irrigation facilities under Desert Development Programme

482. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and utilized under the Desert Development Programme in different States, State-wise, during the last three years, year-wise, for providing irrigation facilities; and

(b) the hectares of desert land irrigated so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A statement of amount allocated and utilized for conservation and development of water resources during the past three years, Statewise, is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 19]

(b) An area of around 21,334 hectares of land benefitted by these schemes since inception of the Programme (upto December 1988).

Sale of Vegetables and Fruits by Mother Dairy Booths

483. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 50 per cent vegetables and fruits procured by Mother Dairy, Delhi are procured direct from the farmers or their cooperatives and if so, the details thereof indicating the actual amount paid to the other non-farmer suppliers during the last three years;

(b) whether farmers Cooperative were to be set up under this project and if so, the details of cooperatives set up and the of members-producers;

(c) what was the actual sales of these booths during the above period;

(d) whether any independent monitoring has been done to find out that the Mother Dairy does not itself turn into a middleman at the cost of producers in rural areas and consumers in Delhi; and

(e) whether fruit and vegetable Booths would be handed over to Consumer Cooperatives in order to introduce competition and improved management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir, about 26,900 metric tonnes of fruits and vegetables were procured from farmers and non-farmers suppliers. An amount of about Rs 674 lakhs was paid to them during the last three years ending March, 1988.

(b) Set up of farmers cooperative structure is to be evolved based on the experience gained during the initial years of the operations. So far no farmers cooperatives were set up and hence there are no members.

(c) About 13,500 metric tonnes of fruits and vegetables were sold through the retail outlets during the last three years ending March, 1988.

(d) This was not considered necessary as the project is to benefit both the producers and consumers.

(e) No, Sir.

Erection of a TV Transposer to help better Transmission in the Shadow Zones of Visakhapatnam

484. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan authorities have decided to erect a television transposer at a suitable place in Visakhapatnam to help better transmission in the shadow Zones of Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Local administration is willing to hand over any site identified by the Doordarshan authorities for the purpose; and

(c) if so, whether Doordarshan authorities have failed in identifying a suitable site?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A suitable site required for the purpose has been finalised and installation work also taken up.

Payment of Extra Cost by Allottees of Self Financing Scheme in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar

485. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allottees of DDA houses under Self Financing Scheme in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar are paying extra cost due to delay on the part of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, what is the actual number of allottees paying extra cost for the last three years; and

(c) the number of housing schemes of the Delhi Development Authority which were started but have not been completed in time so far and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The final cost of flats in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar is being worked and will be intimated to the allottees shortly.

(b) The number will be known after final cost has been worked out.

(c) There are 17 SFS Housing Schemes of DDA as on 1-4-89 which had been started but have not been completed in time. The reasons for delay are as under:—

(i) Delay in the completion of peripherial services by DESU and MCD.

(ii) Short supply of materials.

(iii) Delay in handing over of sites due to litigation.

(iv) Restriction imposed by the Aviation Department at Vasant Kunj.

(v) Slow progress by some contractors.

(vi) Cancellation of original contracts and awarding the work to new contractors in some areas.

Telecast of TV Serial on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

486. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast a T.V. serial on Late Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Ex-President of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when serial is likely to be telecast and in how many languages it is being produced?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to telecast a serial in four parts of 30 minutes each in Hindi on Dr. Servepalli Radhakrishnan during his centenary year.

Population Engaged in Agriculture

487. SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the percentage of population engaged in agriculture in the country according to the latest statistics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): According to